



# LSLBC

*Louisiana State  
Licensing Board for Contractors*

**Licensed Contractor ....  
It's the Law!**

**[www.lslbc.louisiana.gov](http://www.lslbc.louisiana.gov)**

## **WEATHERING THE STORM**

**RESTORING DEVASTATED AREAS**

# LOUISIANA CITIZEN DON'T BECOME A VICTIM "TWICE"

- Check out your contractor –
  - A Contractor must be licensed or registered to bid and/or perform work in Louisiana
- Require a written contract
- Require proof of General Liability & Workers Compensation Insurance
- Never pay more than a 10% down payment in advance of the start of project
- Pay invoices for actual work completed

**Report complaints to 1-800-256-1392 or email us at [complaints@lslbc.louisiana.gov](mailto:complaints@lslbc.louisiana.gov)**

# HIRING A LOUISIANA LICENSED OR REGISTERED CONTRACTOR?

## Safety Tips!

- Get the name , business address, license number or registration number of the contractor
- Verify the license or registration number with Louisiana Contractor Licensing Board at [www.lslbc.louisiana.gov](http://www.lslbc.louisiana.gov)
- Get at least three bids for the project prior to selecting a contractor
- Require a written contract (signed by both parties..consumer/contractor)
- Agree upon estimated dates of start and completion of the project
- A description of the work to be performed
- The total dollar amount to be paid to the contractor upon completion of work
- Document all of your concerns before they become serious
- The dollar amount of any down payment should not exceed 10% and all parties agree upon a payment schedule
- Never pay for construction not yet completed

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# WHEN IS A CONTRACTOR'S REGISTRATION OR LICENSE REQUIRED?

**All Contractors must be Louisiana Licensed or Registered before bidding and/or performing work in Louisiana**

## **RESIDENTIAL BUILDER LICENSE**

Required on Residential Construction projects exceeding \$75,000

## **HOME IMPROVEMENT REGISTRATION**

Required on Home Improvement projects exceeding \$7,500 but not in excess of \$75,000 (also, must have general liability and workers' comp)

## **MOLD REMEDIATION LICENSE**

Required on Mold Remediation projects in the amount of \$1.00 or more

## **COMMERCIAL LICENSE**

Required on Commercial projects in the amount of \$50,000 or more

## **SPECIALTY TRADE/SUBCONTRACTOR LICENSE**

Required on Commercial projects \$50,000 or more with the exception of Electrical/Mechanical/Plumbing which requires license at \$10,000 or more

# AVOID COSTLY DELAYS AND LEGAL ISSUES

The Louisiana State Licensing Board for Contractors not only has the authority to place a **STOP WORK** order on your jobsite or project if you hire unlicensed contractors or subcontractors but also the authority to **REMOVE** contractors and subcontractors from the jobsite permanently.

Substantial monetary penalties can be levied against unlicensed, unregistered and fraudulent Contractors.

**Obtain an application for contracting in Louisiana by downloading the appropriate form at**

**[WWW.LSLBC.LOUISIANA.GOV](http://WWW.LSLBC.LOUISIANA.GOV)**